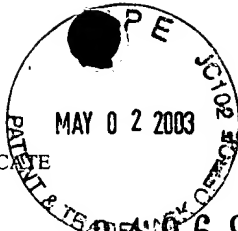


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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

May 2, 2003

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated November 4, 2002 in connection with the above referenced application which, by extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), may be responded to on or before May 4, 2003 (three month extension), please amend the application as follows:

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